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October 2012 Newsletter

This newsletter is long overdue but hopefully it will go out within the next few days. I have limited vision and no typing skills so maybe that will help to excuse it some.

To start with I want to remind you of Slotins Folk Art Masterpiece auction. It is set for November 10th and 11th.

You may request a free copy of their catalog by contacting them. Here is the address: <http://www.slotinfofolkart.com/calendar/calendar.html>

The catalog is an excellent reference guide.

This month we were going to have a huge sale but that man who is the king of Hollywood Luxury portable restrooms, Mike Mellott came into the gallery and purchased many paintings. He is planning on opening a gallery within the near future, hopefully in Lodi, Ca. I wish Mike the best of luck. He has major plans for promoting folk art in the Wine Country of Lodi. It would be so nice to have another folk art gallery nearby.

We will still be dealing at our present location. We will be going back into American primitive antiques more than we have been doing. And of course we will still be having great folk art –always have a good supply of Jimmy Sudduth



Paintings—also Steven Chandler and Louis Vuittonet paintings. We still carry face jugs by the best of potters!

And how could I not say something about the Macabre work of D.L. Marian (Donna). This is one of my favorite photos taken by me. It was taken in July when this pretty young lady and her lovely mother visited our gallery. As she sat neat Pixie, the Black Sheep, I asked if I could take her picture. Here it is: “Pixie and Kathleen”

I have this 12 year old grand-niece who is as bright as she is lovely. I was impressed by her interest in art. I asked her to critique this painting by Louis Vuittonet: Thank you Hannah Sabbagh!

“The painting? “

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“Now that’s just complicated. The animal to me almost looks like the

Chupacabra. (There will be a link below about it.) And, well no offense to

the painter, but the bottom person looks like a clown, and the top

person looks like an annoyed squirrel with a goatee and long hair. I guess I

have to work on my art appreciation skills. The flowers are pretty

interesting though. they look like little red suns on stems. Overall, the picture makes your mind work.”

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<http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chupacabra>

I just love art through the eyes of Hannah. You may be hearing more from her.

Recently a customer, Ernie Boone brought in one of Louis Vuittonet's painting he had professionally framed. It was wonderful —so much that I spent between \$3,000. and \$4,000 with Aaron Brothers when their 60% off sale was going on. I had several (many) paintings framed. You will see a different look in the gallery and on the website.

Speaking of the website, it has several changes with more to come. I have revised the prices on Jimmy Sudduth's work—lowered as much as \$500. There are a few prices I will be raising but many will be lowered. Please keep checking it.

I have to tell you a fun story—as I posted it on the website Blog: Our gallery has always been located in an interesting place--Yesterday as I drove up in front of the gallery there was a fairly attractive Mexican woman in her 30ties crossing in front of me. She approached and greeted me as I was exiting the car. "Do you own this place?" She asked. I replied that I did. "May I come in?" I told her I was closed. She then told me "I can make it very pleasant for you"...

She replied as she threw a smooch to me. I told her I was happily married and pretty old for that stuff. She flirtingly told me, "You're never too old" She started to walk away and then turned back and asked, "Can you spare a couple of dollars?"--- Happily I gave her \$2.00. The experience was well worth that!---As a footnote, when I told my 17 year old grandson about it, his reply was "Why didn't you call me!"— olRoff---Life is never dull in the gallery!

Louis Vuittonet has agreed to furnish one more painted Snuff Bottle to give away. Here is a picture of it”



All four sides are painted and the old snuff bottle is destined to become a very nice collectible. This is numbered #2 . Louis sells these for \$75. so thank you Louis. This is a nice gift to someone who can email me the name of Louis' wife. The correct answers

will be placed in a drawing to be held on October 31st. The winner will be notified by email. (See Artist on the website for her name)

**I think I have written enough. I always appreciate any ideas for the newsletter.---
Also any suggestions for the website and/or the gallery.**

Thank you and may God bless and keep you safe!

olRoff